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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**GUARDIAN BUILDING**  
**500 Griswold St, Suite 1200 • Detroit, Michigan**  
**(Belle Isle Conference Room)**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Erica Ward Gerson  
Patricia Pernell-Shelton  
Rasul Raheem  
Richard Hosey

**Absent:** Carol Walters

**Others Present:** Megan Norris, Miller Canfield  
DLBA Staff

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ward Gerson called the July 13, 2017 meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Member Raheem called roll. 4 of 5 Members were present and a quorum was met.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chairperson Ward Gerson called for the adoption of the agenda. **Motion by Member Hosey to adopt the agenda. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment. No public present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolutions.**

**07-06-2017 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIR TO OFFER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION.** Chairperson Ward Gerson provided an overview of the search process, including interviews and robust board discussion, both in open session on Monday, July 10, 2017. Since that meeting, Korn Ferry called references, which came back very positive. There was substantial board discussion with each board member speaking about their assessment of the respective candidates, their strengths and what they could offer the organization. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution and offer executive director position to Saskia Thompson. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The Board thanked Irene Tucker for her service as Interim Executive Director during this time of transition on top of her duties as Chief Financial Officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Ward Gerson called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion by Member Hosey to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Raheem. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.